

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, line 1, replace the title paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL[[S]] AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE TYRE

Page 1, line 3, delete the paragraph “DESCRIPTION” in its entirety.

Page 1, line 4, add the following paragraph in the form of a section heading after the title “TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE TYRE” and prior to the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a tyre . . .”

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Page 1, line 4, add the following new paragraph after the heading “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS” added above and prior to the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a tyre . . .”

This application is a national-phase entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from International Application No. PCT/IB2003/001473, filed April 18, 2003, in the International Bureau of the

World Intellectual Property Organization, the content of which is relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.

Page 1, line 4, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading after the cross-reference to related applications added above and prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a tyre . . .”

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 4, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading after the heading “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION” added above and prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a tyre . . .”

Field of the Invention

Page 1, line 7, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “A tyre for vehicle wheels usually . . .”

Description of the Related Art

Page 6, line 27, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The Applicant has found that . . .”

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 10, line 20, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “Further features and advantages . . .”

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 12, line 1, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “With reference to Fig. 1 . . .”

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Add a new page 31 after the claims, adding the following ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE. A new, separate page 31 including the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is enclosed.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A vehicle wheel tyre includes a carcass structure, at least one annular reinforcing structure, a tread band, and a pair of sidewalls. The carcass structure includes at least one carcass ply, each including a plurality of elongated elements disposed around a cross-section profile of the tyre. Each elongated element includes two side portions at mutually-spaced-apart positions and a crown portion that extends between the side portions. The at least one annular

reinforcing structure includes at least one bead core. A fraction of the elongated elements is turned up around the at least one bead core. A method of manufacturing the tyre includes preparing the elongated elements, disposing each elongated element on a toroidal support, applying at least one bead core at a region close to side portions of the elongated elements, and turning up ends of a fraction of the elongated elements around the at least one bead core.